

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing:

1. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet ~~(37)~~ comprising:
a chewing gum center ~~(38)~~;

said gum center ~~(38)~~ comprising a compression of gum base granules ~~(32)~~ and chewing gum additives ~~(33)~~;

said chewing gum additives comprising sweeteners and flavors;

at least a first part of said gum base granules ~~(32)~~ comprising flavor or active ingredients incorporated gum base; and

at least a second part of said gum base granules ~~(32)~~ comprising granules of conventional gum base.

2. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1, wherein said at least a first part of said gum base granules ~~(32)~~ comprises ing flavor resistant resin.

3. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said at least a first part of said gum base granules ~~(32)~~ comprises ing synthetic resin.

4. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein said synthetic resin comprises ing at least one of polyvinyl acetate, vinyl acetate-vinyl laurate copolymers and mixtures thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4,~~ wherein said at least a first part of said gum base granules ~~(32) being~~ are substantially wax-free.
6. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 5,~~ wherein said chewing gum tablet ~~has~~ing a water content of less than 5% by weight; ~~preferably of less than 3% by weight, even more preferably less than 1% by weight.~~
7. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6,~~ wherein said gum center ~~(38) being~~ is substantially free of compression aid compounds.
8. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 7,~~ wherein said at least a second part of said gum base granules ~~(32) being~~ is tackiness moderated.
9. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 8,~~ wherein said at least a second part of said gum base granules ~~(32)~~ comprises natural resins.
10. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9,~~ wherein said at least a second part of said gum base granules ~~(32)~~ comprises wax.
11. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 10,~~ wherein said moderated tackiness ~~being~~ is obtained by ~~means of~~ at least one natural resin incorporated in at least a part of the gum base granules ~~(32)~~.
12. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 11,~~ wherein the compressed chewing gum tablet comprises about 3 % to 50 % by weight of natural resins, ~~preferably about 5% to 40% by weight.~~

13. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 12~~, wherein the compressed chewing gum tablet comprises about 0.5% to 30% by weight of elastomers, ~~preferably about 5% to 25% by weight~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 13~~, wherein the compressed chewing gum tablet comprises about 0.1 % to 15 % by weight of flavoring agents, ~~preferably about 0.8 % to 5 % by weight~~.

15. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 91 to 14~~, wherein the natural resins provides an improved and sticky texture of the tablet.

16. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 15~~, further comprising a barrier layer. ~~wherein said barrier layer comprises e.g. lubricants, anti-adherents and glidants.~~

17. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 16~~, wherein the barrier layer comprises magnesium stearate.

18. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 16 to 17~~, wherein said barrier layer comprises at least one of metallic stearates, hydrogenated vegetable oils, partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, polyethylene glycols, polyoxyethylene monostearates, animal fats, silicates, silicates dioxide, talc, magnesium stearates, calcium stearates, fumed silica, powdered hydrogenated cottonseed oils, hydrogenated vegetable oils, hydrogenated soya oil and mixtures thereof.

19. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to ~~any of claims 1 to 18~~, wherein the gum center is substantially free of lubricants, anti-adherents and glidants.

20. (Currently Amended) Compressed chewing gum according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 19~~, wherein said chewing gum additives comprises sweeteners in ~~the~~ an amount of from

about 5% to about 95% by weight of the chewing gum, ~~more typically about 20 to about 80% by weight such as 30 to 60% by weight of the gum.~~

21. – 22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) Method of providing a compressed chewing gum comprising:
~~the steps of~~

- mixing at least one elastomer and at least one plasticizer into a first homogenous gum base;₁

- incorporating an amount flavor into said first gum base, ~~preferably by mechanically mixing;~~₁

- granulating said flavor incorporated gum base;₁

- mixing at least one elastomer and at least one plasticizer into a second homogenous gum base;₁

- granulating said second gum base;₁

- blending said first and said second gum base during addition of further chewing gum additives; and

- compressing the mixture into a tablet.

24. (Original) Method according to claim 23, whereby the granulation is performed during addition of at least one bulk sweetener.

25. (Currently Amended) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 23,

wherein a first part of the chewing gum granulate comprises ing granules being incorporated with flavor and/or active ingredients; and

a second part of the chewing gum granulate comprises ing granules on conventional gum base.

26. (Original) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 25, wherein the first part of the chewing gum granulate comprises synthetic resins.

27. (Currently Amended) Chewing gum granulate according to claim 25 ~~or 26~~, wherein the second part of the chewing gum granules comprises gum base made ~~on the~~ a basis of natural resins.

28. (Currently Amended) Chewing gum granulate according to ~~any of the~~ claims 25 to 27, wherein the first part of the chewing gum granulate is substantially free of natural resins.

29. (Currently Amended) Chewing gum granulate according to ~~any of the~~ claims 25 to 28, wherein the first part of the chewing gum granulate is substantially free of wax.

30. (Currently Amended) Chewing gum granulate according to ~~any of the~~ claims 23 to 29, wherein the chewing gum granulate further comprises a grinding aid, preferably bulk sweeteners.

31. (Currently Amended) Chewing gum granulate according to ~~the~~ claim 30, wherein said grinding aid comprises sorbitol.

32. (Currently Amended) Chewing gum granulate according to ~~any of the~~ claims 26 to 31, wherein said synthetic resin comprises at least one of polyvinyl acetate, vinyl acetate-vinyl laurate copolymers and mixtures thereof.

33. (Currently Amended) Chewing gum granulate according to ~~any of the~~ claims 23 to 32, wherein the granulate is substantially free of lubricants, anti-adherents and glidants.

34. (New) Compressed chewing gum tablet according to claim 16, wherein the barrier layer comprises at least one of lubricants, anti-adherents and glidants.